

DRAFT Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2008
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Meeting opened at 12:30 p.m.

Board members present: Chairman George McHale, Cushing Samp, Richard Arnold, Larry Hall and Peter Danton

Staff members present: Exec. Director Robert Welch, Auditor Scott Woods and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

Legal counsel: Lara Nomani, Ass't A.G.

- **Minutes from July 10, 2008 meeting:**

Motion to accept: Cushing Samp moved to accept the minutes from the July 10th meeting with one change to a corrected date of the Grand Opening of Hollywood Slots to July 1st.

Seconded: Richard Arnold

Vote: 5-0

- **Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch**

- Mr. Welch presented the board with a report that was done by the National Center on Gambling and Public Health
- Responsible Gaming brochures were mailed to the victim witness advocates offices
- NAGRA – Mr. Welch hasn't heard back yet on the Board's acceptance as registered members. (Mr. Arnold advised he had been able to access the website, good info there)
- Bangor Historic Track and International Game Technologies license renewals passed the suitability investigation. Licenses have been granted for August 2008 – 2009
- Mr. Arnold requested from Mr. Welch a copy of the organizational chart and job duties of the investigative unit of the Gambling Control Unit.

- **Financial Update – Scott Woods**

Scott reported there are ongoing variances this past month between the reporting systems. He is working with Scientific Games on this issue. Scott stated that approximately 8-9 machines are being investigated to get the issues worked out. Most of the machines are on the floor and reporting correctly; some of the machine have been taken off the floor. All machines are monitored all the time, however if a problem crops up, the machines are shut down.

- **State Police Activity Update – Sgt. Bill Gomane**

Sgt. Gomane reported that a security assessment at Hollywood Slots will be done by the next meeting. 44 applications were processed since the July Board meeting. He advised the Board of a new type of vending machine that resembles a slot machine, which is being looked at by the Gaming and Weapons unit at this time.

- **Unfinished Business – none**

- **New Business**

Mr. Welch advised the board that the Moratorium they had created on 8/11/06 on any gambling expansion in Maine, that had been extended on 9/25/07 to this year, was due once again to be discussed. The Board discussed the Moratorium briefly and that it was essentially ineffective.

Motion made by Peter Danton to allow the Moratorium to expire.

2nd by Cushing Samp

Vote: 4 yes, 1 abstention by Richard Arnold

Peter Danton addressed the Board in reference to an email to the Governor's Office, which suggested his poor attendance at Gambling Control Board meetings. He wanted to stress that he has made 36 meetings since being on the original Council, was absent four times due to medical or dental appointments, attended six meetings on the taxation of slot machines, and attended six of those as a member of the Gambling Commission. Mr. Danton submitted a m f his attendance records to Mr. Welch and asked that it be given to the Commissioner of Public Safety for her records.

- **List of regulatory fines** – the Board has the authority to penalize and fine gaming companies, however, a fine schedule has not been set by statute. Cushing Samp was asked and agreed to Chair a Sub-Committee to review how other states process rule violations and discipline violators. Once she has completed her research, she will report her findings to the full Board.
- **Public Comments** - None

Next meeting date – September 18, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain
Secretary